

1244

Year **1244** (**MCCXLIV**) was a leap year starting on Friday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

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Events

- March 16 – Following their successful nine-month siege of Montségur, French royal forces burn about 210 Cathar Perfecti and credentes.
- The Christian Reconquista in Iberia enjoys a string of successes:
 - March 26 – By the Treaty of Almizra, the king of Aragon and prince of Castile come to an agreement, on the distribution of Muslim lands yet to be conquered.^[1]
 - May 22 – James I of Aragon takes the Muslim-held city of Janita, after several months of siege.^[2] This success is followed by the capture of Biar later that year.^[3]
 - James I of Aragon reconquers Altea, Spain.
 - The heir prince of Castile conducts a series of military operations, to support the Muslim Huddite rulers of Murcia against rebel strongholds.^[4]
- The Siege and Fall of Jerusalem leads to the Seventh Crusade.
 - Sultan Malik al-Muattam razes the city walls of Jerusalem.
 - August 23 – The city's citadel, the Tower of David, surrenders to Khwarezmian Empire.
 - October 17 – Battle of La Forbie: The army of the Kingdom of Jerusalem is defeated by the Ayyubids and Khwarezmians.
- Dogen Zenji establishes the Eiheiji temple in Japan, thus founding the Sōtō sect of Zen Buddhism.

1244 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1244 <i>MCCXLIV</i>
Ab urbe condita	1997
Armenian calendar	693 ԹՎ ՈՂԳ
Assyrian calendar	5994
Balinese saka calendar	1165–1166
Bengali calendar	651
Berber calendar	2194
English Regnal year	28 Hen. 3 – 29 Hen. 3
Buddhist calendar	1788
Burmese calendar	606
Byzantine calendar	6752–6753
Chinese calendar	癸卯年 (Water Rabbit) 3940 or 3880 — to — 甲辰年 (Wood Dragon) 3941 or 3881

- Visaladeva ascends the throne of Gujarat, formally ending the Chaulukya dynasty and beginning the Vaghela dynasty

Births

- June 24 – Henry I, Landgrave of Hesse (d. 1308)
- Archbishop Henry II of Virneburg (d. 1332)
- Approximate date – Agnes Blannbekin, Austrian Beguine mystic (d. 1315)

Deaths

- March 1 – Gruffyd ap Llywelyn, eldest, illegitimate son of Llywelyn the Great (b. 1200)
- April 2 – Henrik Harpestræng, Danish botanical and medical author
- December 5 – Joan, Countess of Flanders and Hainault (b. 1199 or 1200)
- *date unknown*
 - Eleanor of Castile, queen consort of Aragon, daughter of king Alfonso VIII and Eleonore Plantagenet
 - Witco de Perchyc, Bohemian noble (b. 1177)

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Coptic calendar	960–961
Discordian calendar	2410
Ethiopian calendar	1236–1237
Hebrew calendar	5004–5005
Hindu calendars	
 - <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	1300–1301
 - <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	1165–1166
 - <i>Kali Yuga</i>	4344–4345
Holocene calendar	11244
Igbo calendar	244–245
Iranian calendar	622–623
Islamic calendar	641–642
Japanese calendar	Kangen 2 (寛元2年)
Javanese calendar	1153–1154
Julian calendar	1244 <i>MCCXLIV</i>
Korean calendar	3577
Minguo calendar	668 before ROC 民前668年
Nanakshahi calendar	−224
Thai solar calendar	1786–1787
Tibetan calendar	阴水兔年 (female Water-Rabbit) 1370 or 989 or 217 — to — 阳木龙年 (male Wood-Dragon) 1371 or 990 or 218

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